

January 8, 2002

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
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From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
THE LOS ANGELES CITY CENTER AND CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS)**

On February 4, 1997, your Board instructed my office to prepare a report on each newly proposed redevelopment project area at the preliminary draft plan phase. In a memorandum dated February 11, 1997, we advised your Board of the types of notification the County receives on new redevelopment projects and the reports that will be provided to your Board. Consistent with that process, on December 27, 2000 we notified your Board of the City Center Redevelopment Project proposal. At that time, the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency (LACRA) proposed a new CRA project area, which included a majority of the old Central Business District Project, which reached its project cap of \$750 million in 2000. Also, on March 28, 2001 we notified your Board of the Alameda East Redevelopment Project. The proposed project area included the area between Alameda St. and the Los Angeles River, and is dominated by commercial and industrial uses, including railroad yards and transportation related buildings.

The adoption of the original City Center and Alameda East Projects was delayed, and LACRA is now proposing two new projects for Downtown Los Angeles: the City Center Redevelopment Project and the Central Industrial Redevelopment Project, which are comprised of properties which were included in the two projects referenced above.

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LACRA recently sent us the attached Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City Center and Central Industrial Projects. These Notices of Preparation include the following information:

- The City Center Project area consists of approximately 879 acres and is bounded by 2nd Street to the north; San Pedro Street to the east; the I-10 Freeway to the south; and the I-110 Freeway to the west. The Central Industrial Project area consists of approximately 744 acres and is bounded by 3rd Street to the north; the Los Angeles River to the east; Washington Boulevard to the south; and San Pedro Street to the west.
- The purpose of the proposed projects will be to: revitalize the areas through new commercial, industrial and residential development and the rehabilitation/reuse of existing development; maintain and expand residential neighborhoods and preserve/reuse cultural resources; and eliminate various conditions of blight that have been identified within the proposed project areas.

Maps of the proposed project areas are attached. Further information will be available in the Agency's Preliminary Reports. The Preliminary Reports will include the Agency's analysis of blight, assessment of proposed financing, amount of tax increment anticipated from the proposed projects, and a description of the redevelopment projects planned by the Agency. Upon receipt of these documents from the Agency, we will send your Board another report, including financial analysis and a determination of whether the proposed Amendment is generally consistent with redevelopment law.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please call me, or your staff may call Robert Moran of my office at (213) 974-1130.

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Attachment

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